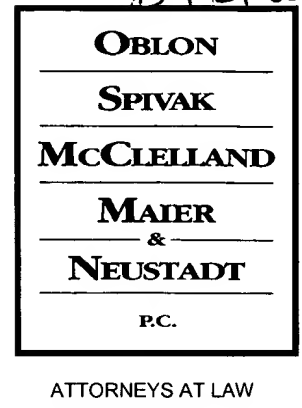




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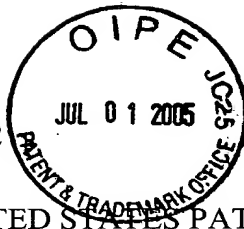
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The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at page 2 of the Notice of Allowance states that Claims 1, 6, 12, and 17 are allowed because the prior art of record does not teach "a light receiving section which receives the light reflected by the reflecting section." Applicant notes that this feature is not recited in independent Claims 6 and 17, and Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance be issued without reference to subject matter not recited in these claims.

Additionally, Applicant notes that the above-identified application is assigned on its face to Ricoh Company, Ltd. A copy of this assignment was provided to the Patent Office on August 31, 2004. Takekawa, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,335,724, hereafter the '724 patent) is also assigned on its face to Ricoh Company, Ltd. Thus, the statement at page 3 of the Notice of Allowance stating "based on the receipt of Applicant's Assignment of Application,

substantiating the Richo Elemex Corporation as the assignee of the application under consideration” is incorrect.

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